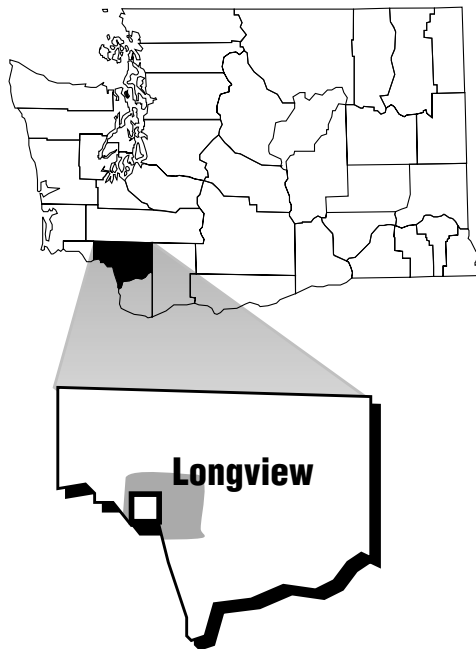


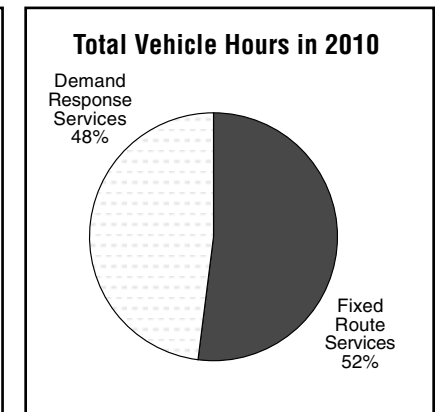
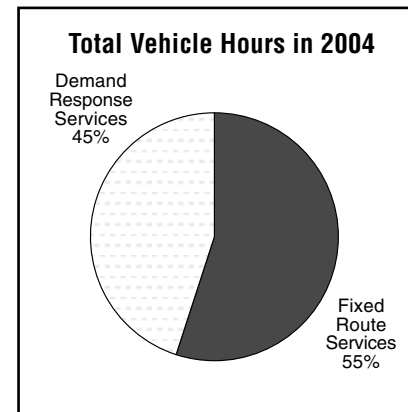
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System Snapshot

- Operating Name: Community Urban Bus Service (CUBS)
- Service Area: Cities of Longview and Kelso
- Congressional District: 3
- Legislative District: 19
- Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area
- Governing Body: Five-member Board of Directors comprised of one county commissioner and two councilmembers each from Longview and Kelso.
- Tax Authorized: 0.1 percent sales and use tax approved in November 1987.
- Types of Service: Five fixed routes and Paratransit service for persons with disabilities who cannot use fixed route service.
- Days of Service: Weekdays, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, three fixed routes, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Base Fare: 50 cents per boarding, fixed route; Paratransit 25 cents.



Current Operations

CUBS operates five fixed routes and complementary Paratransit service for persons with disabilities, Monday through Friday. On Saturday, CUBS operates three fixed routes.

The city of Longview, under contract with the Cowlitz Transit Authority, undertakes all administrative, operations, and maintenance functions for CUBS. A private, nonprofit operator under contract with CUBS provides Paratransit services to persons with disabilities.

Revenue Service Vehicles

Fixed Route – Seven transit coaches, all equipped with wheelchair lifts, with models ranging from 1998 to 2003.

Paratransit – Nine minibuses operated under lease, all ADA accessible, models ranging from 2000 to 2005.

Facilities

CUBS' administration, operations, and maintenance functions, including two maintenance bays and covered parking for the buses and Paratransit vehicles, are located at 254 Oregon Way.

The Transit Transfer Facility is located at 1135 12th Avenue, Longview.

There are 33 bus shelters located along routes in Longview and Kelso.

Intermodal Connections

Two routes serve the Amtrak depot in Kelso hourly. CUBS connects with intercity bus systems at Greyhound Lines' station in Kelso.

CUBS connects with the rural service provided by Lower Columbia Community Action Council at the Transit Transfer Facility.

CUBS has designed routes to serve local elementary and secondary schools, as well as the Lower Columbia Community College.

The Wahkiakum Community Van connects with the CUBS fixed route two days a week.



2004 Achievements

- Purchased two Paratransit minibuses.
- Applied for and received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating funds.
- Increased fixed route ridership by 3.25 percent.
- Formed Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Sold surplus fixed route coaches and Paratransit minibuses.
- Reached largest ridership to date on the Holiday Lights Joy Ride.
- Applied for and received Paratransit/Special Needs Grant funds from the state.



2005 Objectives

- Participate with the City of Longview to construct a vehicle wash facility.
- Increase ridership.
- Continue working with the Council of Government to complete a Strategic Plan.
- Complete update of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan with assistance from the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Long-range Plans (2006 through 2010)

- Continue to contract with the city of Longview.
- Continue to search for additional funding sources.
- Replace Paratransit minibuses as needed.
- Replace transit coaches as needed.



Cowlitz Transit Authority

	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Operating Information								
Service Area Population	47,080	47,120	47,140	0.04%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fixed Route Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	16,550	16,860	16,939	0.47%	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Total Vehicle Hours	16,860	16,860	16,939	0.47%	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	218,650	217,295	216,429	-0.40%	217,000	217,000	217,000	217,000
Total Vehicle Miles	218,650	217,295	216,429	-0.40%	217,000	217,000	217,000	217,000
Passenger Trips	330,607	325,544	336,517	3.37%	340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	43,682	42,201	49,470	17.22%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,119,721	\$1,131,661	\$1,176,407	3.95%	\$1,292,150	\$1,319,040	\$1,391,397	\$1,632,473
Farebox Revenues	\$93,973	\$91,239	\$95,882	5.09%	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$96,000
Demand Response Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	13,091	13,329	13,425	0.72%	14,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
Total Vehicle Hours	13,414	13,025	13,770	5.72%	14,000	14,000	15,000	16,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	123,970	124,726	132,595	6.31%	133,000	134,000	135,000	137,000
Total Vehicle Miles	126,490	127,176	133,447	4.93%	133,000	134,000	135,000	137,000
Passenger Trips	41,444	41,127	42,282	2.81%	43,000	43,000	44,000	45,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	16,159	14,587	17,023	16.70%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	8.0	8.0	10.0	25.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$572,379	\$635,131	\$662,195	4.26%	\$668,800	\$678,500	\$725,995	\$889,375
Farebox Revenues	\$5,024	\$4,749	\$5,408	13.88%	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,600	\$6,000

	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2005	2006	2007	2010
Annual Revenues								
Sales Tax	\$915,555	\$940,663	\$857,856	-8.80%	\$866,435	\$875,099	\$883,850	\$910,631
Farebox Revenues	\$98,997	\$95,988	\$101,290	5.52%	\$101,500	\$101,500	\$101,600	\$102,000
Federal Section 5307 Operating	\$0	\$506,686	\$612,666	20.92%	\$700,753	\$608,000	\$628,000	\$688,000
State Special Needs Grants	\$0	\$0	\$65,153	N.A.	\$104,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$450,867	\$220,995	\$54,131	-75.51%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,465,419	\$1,764,332	\$1,691,096	-4.15%	\$1,772,688	\$1,584,599	\$1,613,450	\$1,700,631
Annual Operating Expenses								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$1,692,100	\$1,766,792	\$1,838,602	4.06%	\$1,960,950	\$1,997,540	\$2,117,392	\$2,521,848
Total	\$1,692,100	\$1,766,792	\$1,838,602	4.06%	\$1,960,950	\$1,997,540	\$2,117,392	\$2,521,848
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations								
CM/AQ and Other Federal Grants	\$512,000	\$527,366	\$207,174		\$0	\$112,000	\$112,000	\$112,000
Local Funds	\$128,000	\$131,842	\$51,793		\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
Total	\$640,000	\$659,208	\$258,967	-60.72%	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Ending Balances, December 31								
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$3,870,303	\$3,231,260	\$2,918,954	-9.67%	\$2,767,000	\$2,362,000	\$1,867,000	-\$328,000
Total	\$3,870,303	\$3,231,260	\$2,918,954	-9.67%	\$2,767,000	\$2,362,000	\$1,867,000	-\$328,000

Performance Measures for 2004 Operations

	Fixed Route Services		Demand Response Services	
	Cowlitz Transit Authority	Small City Averages	Cowlitz Transit Authority	Small City Averages
Fares/Operating Cost	8.15%	7.86%	.82%	2.56%
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$3.50	\$4.83	\$15.66	\$21.79
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$5.44	\$5.75	\$4.99	\$4.76
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$69.45	\$90.28	\$49.33	\$65.92
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$69.45	\$84.52	\$48.09	\$57.12
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	100.0%	93.76%	97.49%	86.99%
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	1,412	1,070	1,343	1,152
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	12.78	16.11	9.88	13.82
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	19.9	21.1	3.1	3.1
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	1.55	1.38	0.32	0.23

